

<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

In re Application of:

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Murali Duvvury

Examiner:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

AUTOMATIC CLUSTER NETWORK DEVICE ADDRESS ASSIGNMENT

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On 1/12/00 Diane Morse

<u>TRANSMITTAL LETTER</u>

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment.

It is believed that no fee is required for filing the above-referenced documents. In the event that any additional fee is required, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents

timely, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account no. 04-0025. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted, D'ALESSANDRO & RITCHIE

Dated: January 11, 2000

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